Subject: Those Darn BigBellies
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Commissioner,

I was contacted last week by Ruben Leon of LASAN reporting that the BigBellies were full of “business trash” and that trash was strewn around them as well. With many businesses opening up, they are using the BigBellies rather than their dumpsters, especially the smaller businesses.

Ruben pointed out that the BigBelly trash containers actually do not hold that much trash even after compacting. He is recommending removal of the BB units.

Even though we had decided to keep them, our priority of course is keeping our community clean. We have tried educating the merchants and residents about proper disposal of trash and will send out that message again.

Since our budget does not allow for more frequent servicing of the BBs, and regular cleanup is what’s in our community’s best interest, we have no choice but to remove them. Ruben also has recommendations as to where to place the standard trash receptacles.

We have our bi-weekly checkin meeting with CD14 tomorrow morning, at which time I plan to make a formal request to remove the BBs. I wanted to keep you informed since you have been such a great guide in this matter.

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